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For: A METHOD, AN INSTALLATION, AND A COMPUTER PROGRAM FOR

ESTIMATING THE INITIAL SIZE OF A POPULATION OF NUCLEIC ACIDS, IN

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September 21, 2010

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Sir:

REQUEST

The Examiner is requested to return a completely-initialed copy of the PTO-1449 Form bearing the OIPE date-stamped of April 4, 2006. Specifically, the PTO-1449 Form returned with the Office Action of August 19, 2010, does not include the Examiner's initials next to the International Search Report of PCT/EP2005/013021. The entirety of the PTO-1449 Form has been initialed by the Examiner on August 7, 2010, and the other references indicated as having been specifically considered by initialing next to each of the references. The International Search Report of PCT/EP2005/013021 however does not include in the left-hand column the Examiner's initials. A completely-initialed copy of the PTO-1449 Form, pursuant to MPEP § 609, is requested.

The present Request is not being filed in response to the Office Action of August 19, 2010.

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